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SUBJECT: F-16 AIRCRAFT FOR GREECE AND TURKEY

REF: (A) STATE 39154 DTG 142258Z FEB AND PREVIOUS; (B) ANKARA 1250 DTG 160710Z FEB; (C) ANKARA 1363 DTG 221300Z FEB

1. MUNITIONS CONTROL LICENSE C-4120 (NOV 3, 1977) COVERS BOOKLET F-16-223 ENTITLED "F-16 MULTI-ROLE FIGHTER RADAR/ MISSILE CAPABILITY". REF B NOTES EMBASSY IS RETURNING THESE BOOKLETS TO GENERAL DYNAMICS REPS IN ATHENS. WITHOUT CONFIDENTIAL

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FURTHER INFORMATION ON LICENSE NUMBERS, DEPT IS UNABLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER LICENSES HAVE BEEN ISSUED COVERING F-16 RECONNAISSANCE VERSION, THOUGH ONE SUCH APPLICATION (FOR BOOKLET F-16-261, ENTITLED "INTERNATIONAL F-16 RECONNAISSANCE CAPABILITIES") IS CURRENTLY PENDING.

2. CURRENT POLICY IS THAT USG WILL NOT ENCOURAGE SALE OF

F-16'S TO GREECE AND TURKEY AT THIS TIME.

3. IN FUTURE MISSION CONTACTS WITH GD REPS DURING FEB 28-MAR 2 VISIT AND BEYOND, DEPT ENDORSES APPROACH OUTLINED BY EMBASSY PARA 2 REF B. USG PERSONNEL SHOULD UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE ATTEMPT TO KEEP FUTURE CONTACTS WITH GOT RE

F-16 MATTERS AT A MINIMUM. MOREOVER, USG PERSONNEL SHOULD NOT FACILITATE CONTACTS BY GD REPS WITH GOT OFFICIALS AND SHOULD AVOID THE APPEARANCE OF PROMOTING OR SUPPORTING TURKISH PURCHASE OF F-16'S. SPECIFICALLY, USG PERSONNEL MAY MEET WITH GD REPS MAR 1 BUT SHOULD NOT RPT NOT ATTEND MAR 2 MEETING WITH GOT.

- 4. ABOVE GUIDELINES SHOULD ALSO BE OBSERVED BY EMBASSY ATHENS.
- 5. THIS MESSAGE HAS BEEN CLEARED WITH DOD. VANCE

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